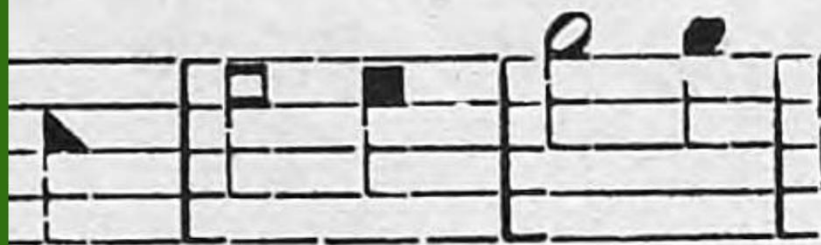


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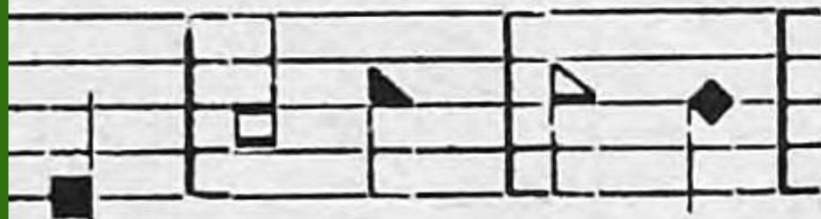
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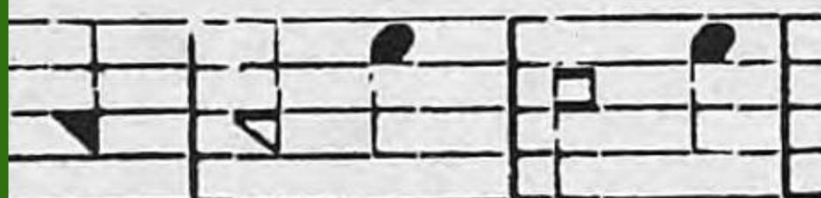
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

**Rise in body or spirit*

THE GATHERING

MUSICAL OFFERING

I'll Fly Away

arr. Joel Raney

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stephanie Dube

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Allison Bates

CHORAL INTROIT

Down to the River to Pray

Traditional American Folksong

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.

The Lord is our strength and might; God has become our salvation.

Sing to the Lord, who has triumphed gloriously.

This is our God, whom we praise;

The Lord is God's name.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

*HYMN MEDLEY

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;

What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;

Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

Precious Lord, take my hand; lead me on, help me stand;

I am tired, I am weak, I am worn.

Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;

take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;

Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing, standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.*

*Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.*

*On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.*

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not to trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

CALL TO CONFESSION (HYMN 418) *sung by all*

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

"Come home. You, who are weary, come home."

Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, you lived for us—we have not lived for you. You have forgiven us—we have not forgiven others. You have loved us—we have not loved ourselves nor have we loved one another. Take pity on us and forgive us, God. Help us to forgive. Help us to live for you. Help us to love through Christ our Lord.

Brief moment of silent prayer.

*PRAYER RESPONSE (HYMN 442) *sung by all*

*Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

*Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI (Hymn 582) *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD
*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*SUNG RESPONSE (HYMN 465)

*What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!*

*Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful; who will our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!*

BLESSING OF YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

May God be with you in worship here.

May God be with you in worship there.

Children may depart the sanctuary for Kids' Kirk. They will return before communion.

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Romans 14:1-12 (N.T.p. 163)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

We Shall Rise

Stan Pethel

SERMON

"The Math of Forgiveness"

The Rev. Dr. John Hagmann

Matthew 18:21-35 (N.T.p. 20)

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Will There Be Any Stars in My Crown

arr. Sheldon Curry

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(The Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Come Thou Fount

arr. Eric Nelson

*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE EUCHARIST

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Sung by all: (Hymn 572)
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

The prayer continues.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who seek God are invited to the table. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Do You Know My Jesus?

arr. S. Pethel

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

I Know Whom I Have Believed

arr. R. Boud

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *The Rev. Dr. John Hagmann*

Music Director: *Patrick Ritsch*

Liturgist: *Jenifer Wiggins*

Communion Servers: *Debbie Bowley & Debbie Hutchinson*

Kids' Kirk: *Marna Loucks*

Gospel Quartet: *Leah McDivitt, Lore North, Greg Jones, Bryan Leazenby*

The Life of the Church

We have printed copies of the **PresbyNotes** available for pick up in the hall.

Today FPC is celebrating Southern Gospel Sunday. Following worship there will be a picnic in the pavilion, weather permitting.

Youth Group will meet today at 5 PM.

John & Lyndsay will be hosting a **New Members' Class** on Tuesday, September 15th, at 6:00 PM at their home. This class is for anyone seeking to learn more about the church, about our denomination and about becoming a member of FPC Owensboro. Please RSVP to John, by text, 270-244-1477, or email, pastor@fpcobky.com.

The **FPC Golf Scramble** will be on Sunday, October 18th. Tee times begin at 12:10. Cost is \$55 per person. If you are a member with a cart pass or volunteer, cost is \$15. Registration and payment are due October 5th. All are invited to dinner at Old Hickory at 6 PM. RSVP to Patti, 270-314-6099, for dinner. See PresbyNotes for more information.

The **Worship Committee** is excited to restart the sanctuary flower ministry. The arrangements will cost \$75 each if done in house or you can arrange to bring your own arrangements. Contact the church office to reserve a date and order. Please see PresbyNotes for more information.

For the next three months, the **Mission Committee** will be focusing on helping 3 different organizations that serve the homeless here in Owensboro. September 13 through October 4 we are accepting donations to benefit St. Benedict's Women's Shelter. We are accepting donations for the following: • **September 13** – money for bus tickets; • **September 20** – laundry detergent and dryer sheets; • **September 27** – hairbrushes, deodorant, razors and underwear (small or medium); • **October 4** – food items such as ground coffee, powdered creamer, and ramen noodles. There will be a table at the front of the sanctuary where you can place your donations. See PresbyNotes for more information.

Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year-To-Date (Thru Aug)	Month-To-Date	Week of Sept. 6	Month of Aug Final
Income: \$ 325,138.95	Income: \$ 14,392.58	Income: \$ 14,392.58	Income: \$ 33,987.25
<u>Expense: \$ 322,613.19</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 22,553.91</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 22,553.91</u>	<u>Expense: \$ 44,574.75</u>
Balance: \$ 2,525.76	Balance: (-\$ 8,161.33)	Balance: (-\$ 8,161.33)	Balance: (-\$ 10,587.50)

Keep your pledge current and look for more good news here.